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he has but faint hopes of the continued existence or vitality of the arts, he believes that a bright future is reserved for the modifications of the old idea introduced by occidental Europe. The industrial system of Russia is certainly by no means a model at present.

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The Official History of the Great Strike of 1886 on the Southwestern Railway System. By OSCAR KOCHTITSKY. Jefferson City, 1886.—8vo, 117 pp.

Mr. Kochtitsky stands at the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Inspection of Missouri, and has therefore had excellent facilities for obtaining the "inside" view of the Southwestern strike. He himself, in his official capacity, took a prominent part in the movement, and has now undertaken to compile a report based on authentic documents and sources for the National Bureau of Labor. The scope of the work may be gleaned from the statement in the introduction that the history "is simply a compilation of historical facts, official correspondence, and important data obtained from the most trustworthy sources. It is intended to be perfectly fair and impartial. As to the merits of the contest, the reader must form his own opinion." There is thus no occasion for criticism, nor for any comments beyond the statement that a complete survey of the movement is now first authoritatively given. This compilation, together with the testimony taken by the Congressional committee, will remain the chief source of our information as to the most important strike of modern times.

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